Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" May I know whether it is the function of the Local Government as the Agents of the Government of India to consider policies enunciated by the Harbour Port Trust regarding the labour employed by it? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" The Local Government is only the Agent of the Government of India and does not consider questions of policy."

Irrigation

Settlement of the dispute regarding the anicut at Ramasagar.

* 19 *Q.*—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to make a statement as to how the dispute between the ryots of the Madras and His Exalted Highness the Nizam's Governments with reference to the anicut at Ramasagar, Hospet taluk, Bellary district, has been settled, and if it has not yet been settled, the progress made in the negotiations towards settlement?

A.—It was agreed between His Exalted Highness the Nizam's Government and this Government that an Irrigation Engineer of each Government should meet at the site, discuss the question and submit a joint report with a view to an amicable settlement of the dispute. The joint report is awaited.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—" Have the Madras Government appointed their representatives? "

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—" Yes."

The Kothapalli tank.

* 20 *Q.*—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state with reference to G.O. Ms. No. 679 I., dated 7th March 1928—

(*a*) the progress, if any, made in the carrying out of the scheme for improving the Kothapalli tank, Rayadrug taluk, Bellary district; and

(*b*) if the work has not yet been taken up, why and when it is likely to be taken up?

A.—(*a*) No progress has been made.

(*b*) The scheme is one of those which depend on the Hagari; the consideration of all schemes on the Hagari has been postponed till a decision is arrived at about the Tungabhadra project.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—" May I know at what stage the consideration of Tungabhadra Project is now? "

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—" As I have on previous occasion informed the Council the Tungabhadra Project is the subject of negotiation with the Hyderabad Government as well as with the Bombay Government and the Mysore Government."